

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF  
OPERATORS OF DRINKING WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES  
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2016 OPEN PUBLIC MEETING**

**OCTOBER 7, 2016 BOARD MINUTES**

**A regularly scheduled open public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Certification of Operators of Drinking Water Supply Facilities (the Board) was held on October 7, 2016 in Room 1G, 1000 Washington Street, Boston, Massachusetts.**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mr. Paul Niman	Chairman	✓	
Mr. William Salomaa	Secretary	✓	
Mr. Michael Celona	Vice Chairman		✓
Ms. Christine Millhouse	Member		✓
Mr. Blake Lukis	Member	✓	
Mr. Dave Coppes	Member	✓	
<b>STAFF</b>	<b>POSITION</b>		
Mr. James O'Connor	Board Counsel	✓	
Ms. Ann Deruosi	Administrative Assistant		✓
Mr. Wayne Thomas	Executive Director	✓	

**Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 9:36 am by Chairman Niman.

**Board Review and Acceptance of the September 2, 2016 Open Session Meeting Minutes.**

**Discussion:**

Minutes of September 2, 2016 Open Session meeting were reviewed.

**Action:**

A motion was made by Mr. Coppes, seconded by Mr. Lukis, and unanimously approved by the Board to accept the minutes of the Open Session.

**DISCUSSION**

Michael Leahy addressed the Board regarding the recent denial of his Reciprocity application for a D4 license. After discussion, it was determined that Mr. Leahy did not meet the criteria for the D4 license. He then asked if he could submit a new application for a D3 license. Mr. Niman noted that the Board would need proof that he took the ABC exam in New Jersey and held the D3 license there also.

Heather Miller addressed the Board regarding the recent denial for a D3 Full license. After discussion it was determined that Ms. Miller would need to provide the Board with a letter from the Certified Operator of the public water system showing she had the required work experience.

A motion was made by Mr. Coppes and seconded by Mr. Lukis to approve this application subject to receipt of that letter.

Result: Unanimous

Mr. Thomas did a short presentation showing some of the functions of the E-Licensing Portal now available for licensees.

## **TCH APPLICATIONS**

### ***Tata & Howard, Inc.***

<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Course ID No.</u>	<u># of TCHs</u>
2016 Emergency Response Plan Training	DWT-2016-64	7.0 TCH

### ***American Water Works Association***

<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Course ID No.</u>	<u># of TCHs</u>
Asset Management & Water Loss for Small Systems	DWT-2016-65	5.5 TCH

### ***New England Water Works Association***

<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Course ID No.</u>	<u># of TCHs</u>
2016 Water Resources and Sustainability Symposium Morning Session	DWT-2016-66	3.0 TCH

- Challenges Posed by 1,4-Dioxane Impacts at a Massachusetts Groundwater Source
- Cyanotoxins in Drinking Water Supplies. What Can Water Suppliers Do?
- Chlorates in Drinking Water: A Pro-active Approach in CT
- The Emergence of PFCs
- What We Should Know About Per and Poly-fluoroalkyl Substances (PFAs)
- Keynote Speaker

<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Course ID No.</u>	<u># of TCHs</u>
2016 Water Resources and Sustainability Symposium Afternoon Session	DWT-2016-67	2.0 TCH

- Panel Discussions: Panelists will bring unique perspectives related to emerging threats to our drinking water sources.
- Revisiting the Findings of the Water Research Foundation's 2012 Source Water Protection Vision and Roadmap for U.S. Drinking Water Facilities
- Protecting Your Water Supply and Your Bottom Line: Shifting Treatment Costs from Ratepayers to Responsible Parties

### ***OSD Engineering Consultants***

<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Course ID No.</u>	<u># of TCHs</u>
Backup Power SOP Development Workshop Small Systems	DWT-2016-68	4.0 TCH

## **TEC APPLICATIONS/PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES**

### ***Lowell Regional Water Utility***

Certificate #:496      PWS ID#: 3160000      T3: Michael Gannon

### ***Scituate Water Department***

Certificate #:497      PWS ID#: 4264000      T4: Eric Langlan

### ***Berkshire Engineering***

Simon's Rock of Bard College: PWS ID#: 1113017

Simone Natale, an employee of Berkshire Engineering does not have sufficient experience to qualify for a 1T Full license within the 6-month period of the TEC

Berkshire Cooperative Market: PWS ID#: 1113033

Simone Natale, an employee of Berkshire Engineering does not have sufficient experience to qualify for a 1T Full license within the 6-month period of the TEC

North Egremont Country Store: PWS ID#: 1090014

Simone Natale, an employee of Berkshire Engineering does not have sufficient experience to qualify for a 1T Full license within the 6-month period of the TEC

### **ITEMS FOR BOARD COUNSEL**

Mr. O'Connor discussed with the Board the allowance in the regulation for post-secondary education to be used towards the work experience requirements for the license.

A motion was made by Mr. Coppes and seconded by Mr. Lukis to have the checklist on the existing applications modified to say that all post-secondary education submittals must include transcripts

Result: Unanimous

### **CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE BOARD**

None

### **ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR**

None

### **ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION**

Special provision for small system operators

TEC for contract water operators

### **APPLICATION REVIEW**

Waiver Request – Laurila

The applicant does not appear to show experience in operation of a public water system. It would be necessary for this candidate to take the proper training course and then apply.”

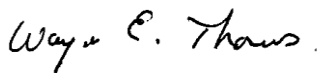
A motion was made to deny this waiver request by Mr. Coppes and seconded by Mr. Lukis

Result: Unanimous

At 12:45pm, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Lukis and seconded by Mr. Coppes.

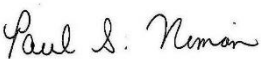
Result: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted By;



Wayne E. Thomas, Executive Director  
Board of Drinking Water & Supply Facility Operators

Respectfully Authorized by;



Paul Niman, Chairman  
Board of Drinking Water & Supply Facility Operators